



SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST PROJECT UPDATE

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NOTE: The Siuslaw Project Update and other information about the Siuslaw National Forest can be accessed on our Web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/.

This is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains both proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the "contact person" associated with a given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

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Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use Permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analysis, Roads, Plan Amendments and Multi-Projects), and within each category in alphabetical order by Ranger District. The information provided for each action includes name, Ranger District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.

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P.O. Box 400, Waldport, OR 97394

We look forward to hearing from you.

FISH & WILDLIFE

Mapleton School Native Plant Nursery

Private Lands – Wyden Funding
Partnership with schools to gather and cultivate non-conifer, native species for use in riparian planting.

Scoping: NA

Decision: Completed 6/2001

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

Riparian Restoration Siuslaw Basin Project

Private Lands – Wyden Funding
Plant native shrubs in riparian area, release seedlings from competing vegetation, install fencing around seedlings to control beaver damage, install tubing around seedlings to prevent animal damage.

Scoping: NA

Decision: 6/2001

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

Siuslaw Law Enforcement Project

Private Lands – Wyden Funding
Fund part-time position to prevent poaching of Coho and Chinook salmon from low water areas in the watershed.

Scoping: NA

Decision: 6/2001

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

Siuslaw River Gauge

Private Lands – Wyden Funding
Partnership with USGS and Port of Siuslaw to maintain recently installed river gauge.

Scoping: NA

Decision: 6/2001

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 541-902-6956

Lake Creek, Siuslaw Watershed Water Quality Assessment Project

Private Lands – Wyden Funding
Determine lead levels in Lower Lake Creek through testing of fish tissue and sediment samples.

Scoping: NA

Decision: 6/2001

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

West Creek Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T3S, R9W, S30

Fencing, off-stream watering and riparian planting in the West Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

Karnowsky Creek Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T18E, R11W, Sec. 22, 23

This is a partnership with Siuslaw SWCD, Siuslaw Watershed Council, OWEB, and National Forest Foundation. Final design, contract preparation, and implementation of an integrated valley bottom restoration project.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Johan Hogervorst 541-902-6956

Upper Bailey Creek Watershed Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18, S19

Remove or modify 5 culverts and remove 4 old log culvert/fills in upper Bailey Creek to aid fish passage and reduce sediment.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001-2002

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 541-902-6956

Enchanted Valley Stream Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18, 19, 30

Improve fish habitat in Enchanted Valley portion of Bailey Creek. Add trail bridge over new stream channel.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 541-902-6956

Upper Deadwood Fish Enhancement

Mapleton Ranger District

T16-16S, R8-9W

Install large wood to improve stream function using a helicopter. Place 300 large conifer logs in streams on National Forest and private lands in cooperation with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Paul Burns, 541-902-6953



FISH & WILDLIFE

Fiddle Creek Fish Enhancement

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R10W, S30, 31

Pull about 70 trees into Fiddle Creek to improve fish habitat.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Paul Burns, 541-902-6953

Baker Beach Dunes Restoration Project

Mapleton Ranger District

T17Sm R12W, S10, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33

The Mapleton Ranger District proposes to control European beach grass and lower the height of the foredune along Baker Beach. An integrated vegetation management plan will be used to control the beach grass. The purpose of the project is to restore the natural movement of sand between Baker and Sutton Beach areas, thus increasing the amount of suitable habitat for the western snowy plover as well as native plants such as pink sand verbena. About 140 acres will be treated.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: 11/2001

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211 or Dan Segotta, 541-902-6980

Nelson Meadows

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R12W, S14

Commercially harvest three 6-10 acre blocks of Matrix land and convert to early seral habitat.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Doug Middlebrook, 541-902-6978 or Dan Karnes, 541-902-6950

Lagoon Restoration

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S33

Develop invasive weed control plan for lagoon and nearby lakes and ponds.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Mike Northrup, 541-902-6960

South Jetty Noxious Weed Control

Oregon Dunes NRA

South Jetty Area of NRA.

Develop noxious weed treatment plan including all options.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dan Segotta, 541-902-6980

Snowy Plover Predator Damage Management

Oregon Dunes NRA

Snowy plover habitat areas near beaches.

Enhance survival and production of Snowy Plovers by controlling predators (Other Birds, Cats, Foxes, Weasel/mink, Opossum, Raccoon, Rodents, etc.) by a variety of lethal and nonlethal methods.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Carl Frounfelker, 541-750-7054

Big Blue Project - Snag Creation

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, T17S, R11W, R12W

Approximately 1800 snags will be created within managed stands that were commercially thinned via the Blue Bird and Whirly Bird thinning sales. Tree topping and/or inoculation methods will be used.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Big Blue Project EA, 1996

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Eric Stolsig, 541-563-3211

Beaver Creek Seed Orchard Vegetation Management

Waldport Ranger District

T13S, R6W, S52

Development of an integrated plan to manage noxious weeds and other problematic vegetation within the Beaver Creek Seed Orchard.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 6/12/01

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Dan Segotta, 541-902-6980



FORESTRY

Precommercial Thinning

*Hebo Ranger District
District-wide*

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

*Scoping: August 2001
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: 2002-2003
Contact: John Johansen, 503-392-3161*

Bearcat Commercial Thin

Hebo Ranger District

T3S, R9W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning about 400 acres in 35 to 60 year old stands within LSR and AMA lands.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: 8/2001
Implementation: 2002
Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

Gauldy Project Thin

Hebo Ranger District

T4,5S, R9,10W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercially thinning 1,000 acres in stands 35 to 70 years within LSR and AMA lands.

*Scoping: 2001
Decision: July 2002
Implementation: September 2002
Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

Stocking Control

Waldport and Mapleton Ranger Districts

District-wide
Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 19-year-old plantations.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: Completed
Implementation: Ongoing
Contact: Leonard Larson, 541-902-6951 or Eric Stolsig, 541-563-3211*

Conifer Release

Waldport and Mapleton Ranger Districts

District-wide
Release of selected seedlings from brush and hardwoods affecting 275 acres.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: Completed
Implementation: Spring/Summer 2002
Contact: Leonard Larson, 541-902-6951 or Eric Stolsig, 541-563-3211*

Tenmile Creek-Riparian Conifer Management

Waldport Ranger District

T15S; R11,12W
Fifteen acres of noncommercial thinning of conifer plantation to accelerate late-successional riparian conditions.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: May 1996
Implementation: 2002
Contact: Jack Sleeper, 541-563-3211*

Eichler Thin - Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

N. Fork Siuslaw Watershed, T17S, R10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 30-50 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: DN, 7/30/99
Implementation: 2002
Contact: Dan Karnes, 541-902-6950*

Drift Home Project: Commercial Thinning

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds T12,13S; R9,10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age to maintain stand health and to promote late-successional forest characteristics of LSR #R0268.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: DN, December 31, 1997
Implementation: Ongoing
Contact: Lloyd Palmer, 541-563-3211*

LAND EXCHANGE

Lamm Small Tracts Act

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S; R10W; S23
Involves well house on USFS land.

*Scoping: Ongoing
Decision: 2002
Implementation: 2002
Contact: Mike Schwartz, 541-750-7175*

Millard Small Tracts Act (STA)

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R12W, S11
Action results from relocation of forest road 1046-000. STA to exchange abandoned road Right of Way for easement over new location.

*Scoping: Completed
Decision: Completed
Implementation: Spring 2002
Contact: Dave Braley, 541-750-7171; or Mike Schwartz, 541-750-7175*



ROADS

Flood Damage Road Repairs

Forest-wide

Winter storms in February 1996 through winter 2000 damaged roads on the Siuslaw National Forest. Work includes culvert replacements, slope stabilization, debris removal, and geotechnically constructed fills.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Marci Truhn, 541-465-6696

North Fork Siuslaw Road Relocation

Mapleton Ranger District

T11S, R10W, S5

Realign 1500 feet of North Fork Siuslaw Road away from the river.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Paul Burns, 541-902-6953

Gibson Road Decommissioning/Culvert Replacement

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S30

Removal of 4 log culverts and fill, decompaction of road bed, closure of 1 mile of road, and replacement of 2 culverts blocking fish passage on road 3278.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 541-902-6956

Green Creek Road Decommissioning

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S32; T17S, R9W, S4-5

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring, and road closure of 8.9 miles of road (Upper Green Cr. and Gibson Cr.)

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 541-902-6956

Big Blue Project--Road Decommissioning

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, R11W, S29,30,31,32,33; T16S, R12W, S35,36

Waterbarring, fill removal and road closure on Road 1059-654 and a section of Road 1059.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 10, 1996

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Hollis Lundeen, 541-563-3211

Drift Home Project: Road Stabilization and Closure

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds T12,13S; R9,10W

Provide drainage control, remove fill and culverts from designated stream crossings, remove unstable sidecast material and close roads. These activities are expected to impact 30 miles of roads within the Drift Creek watershed and 10 miles of roads within the Mill, Homestead and Lower Big Elk subbasins of the Big Elk Watershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Ken McCall, 541-750-7141

RECREATION

Sand Lake Forest Lab

Hebo Ranger District

T3S, R10W, S17

Develop an environmental education trail on an isolated 11-acre National Forest parcel. Intent is to provide a short fully-accessible trail for all ages of students.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Carol Johnson, 503-392-3161

Hebo Horse Camps

Hebo Ranger District

T4S, R9W, S15, 22

Construct two camps that connect to existing trail system.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Drift Creek Loop Trail

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R9W

The district is considering the development of a loop for the Drift Creek Trail

Scoping: Fall 2001

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

North Fork Smith River Trail

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R9W, S19, S30

Place two foot bridges across North Fork Smith River.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Gina Owens, 541-563-3211

RECREATION

Overlook Trail Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T20S, R12W, S17

Reconstruct Oregon Dunes Overlook trail including improved winter access.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Margie Pace, 541-271-6072

Siltcoos Showers

Oregon Dunes NRA

T20S, R12W, S4; T19S, R12W, S32

Construct additional water reservoir tank, campground showers, and sand filter.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Fall/Winter 2002

Contact: Wayne Gale, 541-271-6080

South Jetty/Horsfall Fee Booths

Oregon Dunes NRA

South Jetty and Horsfall Roads.

Construct entrance stations. Includes construction of septic systems for each building.

Scoping: November 2001

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Wayne Gale, 541-271-6080

Breach Sand Road Maintenance

Oregon Dunes NRA

Maintain existing designated route.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Sharon Stewart, 541-902-6071

Campground Accessibility

Oregon Dunes NRA

Various locations.

Improve accessibility at developed recreation sites. Construct accessible viewing deck.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Wayne Gale, 541-271-6080

Trails Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S33; T20S, R12W, S8, S17

Reconstruct Lagoon and Taylor Dune Trails to improve universal access (accessibility) for improved winter access.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Margie Pace, 541-271-6072

Bluebill Trail Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S32, S33

Reconstruct and partially relocate Bluebill Trail, including structures.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: 2003

Contact: Margie Pace, 541-271-6072

Horsfall Day Use Area/Transportation

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S; R13W; S28,29,32,33

Improve integration of day use and transportation systems by development of day use areas and sand road.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Wayne Gale, 541-271-6080

Hall-Schuttpelz Lake

Oregon Dunes NRA

T23S, R13W, S1

Develop trailhead and day use site; reconstruct trails.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Margie Pace, 541-271-6072

Drift Creek Wilderness Trail Reconstruction

Waldport Ranger District

T13S, R10W, S4,7,8,17,18

Reconstruct several miles of trail within the Drift Ck. Wilderness where drainage problems exist or the trails are in poor condition due to steep side slopes.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Margie Pace, 541-902-6972

Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center Entrance Road

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S2,3

Reconstruct entrance road to interpretive center. Improve wheelchair accessible parking and improve safe access to parking lot for larger vehicles.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Gina Owens, 541-563-3211

RECREATION

Devil's Churn Viewing Platform

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S3

Construction of a concrete viewing platform above Devil's Churn.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Gina Owens, 541-563-3211

Devil's Churn Phase II

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S3

Construction of concession and information station, and new restrooms. Includes accessible trail from upper to lower parking lots.

Scoping: November 2001

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002, Winter 2003

Contact: Wayne Gale, 541-271-6080

Outfitter Guide Permit Re-issuance

Oregon Dunes NRA

Various locations on NRA

Re-issuing six outfitter/guide permits for motorized tours of the Oregon Dunes NRA.

Scoping: November 2001

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Winter/Spring 2002

Contact: Gina Owens (541) 602-6377

Whispering Spruce Trail Reconstruction

Waldport Ranger Station

T15S, R12W, S3

Reconstruct trail for accessibility to the West Shelter

Scoping: November 2002

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Fiscal Year 2004

Contact: Don Large, 541-902-6971

SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Access SUP

Forest-wide

BPA will be granted road access and use permits to support BPA towers and transmission lines.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 541-750-7140

Rosboro Road Construction and Haul Permit

Mapleton Ranger District

T18S, R11W, S29, S32

Construct 1615 feet of temporary spur road from Forest road 2400-880 to Rosboro lands. Haul timber across newly constructed road and 4.1 miles of Forest roads 2400 and 2400-888.

Scoping: January 2001

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Linda Montanez, 541-563-3211

Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

Forest-wide

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, minerals, commercial haul, tailholds, concessions and recreation events.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Linda Montanez, 541-563-3211 or Nancy Craft, 503-392-3161

Central Lincoln PUD

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R11W, S2, S12

Amend permit to relocate and convert powerlines from overhead to underground.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Linda Montanez, 541-563-3211

Consumers Power, Inc.

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R7W, S20, 28, 29; T13S, R7W, S2, 10, 11; T14S, R9W, S7, 17, 18; T15S, R9W, S14 and 23.

Special use permit would authorize Consumers Power to reconstruct three multi-grounded power lines and construct one new multi-grounded power line across portions of Siuslaw National Forest.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: 2001

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Paul Thomas, 541-563-3211



MULTI-PROJECTS

Maple and Fiddle Creeks Outreach Project

Private Lands – Wyden Funding

Fund part-time position as coordinator between agency specialists and landowners in designing conservation plans for farms.

Scoping: NA

Decision: 6/2001

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 541-750-7101

Peach/Fiddle Commercial Thinning and Related Projects

Mapleton Ranger District

T20S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest 1343 acres of 25- to 50-year-old tree plantations, place about 150 stream structures, decommission or stabilize and close about 35 miles of existing roads, plant trees, create snags, treat noxious weeds, create 12 acres of meadow, and establish a long-term road waste disposal site.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Fiddle-DN, 7/30/99

Peach-Fall 2001

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Dan Karnes, 541-902-6950

Green Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25 to 35 years of age on approximately 942 acres by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands, place approximately 294 stream complexity structures, decommission 0.5 miles of road, noncommercially thin 72 acres, underplant 92 acres, create 73 openings up to 1 acre in size within *Pbellinus* infection areas, and create 5 acres of early seral habitat.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Dan Karnes, 541-902-6950

Deadwood Landscape Thinning and Restoration Projects

Mapleton Ranger District

Deadwood Watershed

T15,16,17S, R8,9,10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25 to 35 years of age on approximately 1,182 acres by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands, add stream structure to 16 stream segments, create about 180 wildlife snags, fell 10 to 20 trees per acre for coarse woody debris and implement a Pacific Northwest Research Station Study on *Pbellinus weirii* root rot.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 2, 1998

Implementation: Deadwood sold 5/5/99, Deer Thin completed, Dan's Alder completed, and Taylor Thin is pending.

Contact: Dan Karnes, 541-902-6950

Lower Siuslaw Landscape Management Project

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R9-11W, T18S, R9-11W, T19S, R9-11W

Lower Siuslaw Watershed

Plantation Thinning – 3700 acres of commercial thinning and 3900 acres of precommercial thinning. Thinning includes opening and re-closing 1 mile of classified roads and 19 miles of unclassified roads; and construction of 1 mile of new temporary road.

Road Management – Close 63 miles of road and decommission 17 miles. Road 2127 would be maintained for high clearance vehicles as an alternate route when county road 5110 (Thompson Creek Road) fails at a future date. Where road closures affect access to private land, private access will be maintained.

Stream Enhancement – Place about 725 trees and root wads along 23.5 miles of streams to add complexity to streams and increase spawning habitat. Restore 2 miles of Karnowsky Creek by reconnecting the stream to its historic channel and floodplain. Plant about 800 acres of streamside meadows and alder stands with conifers and hardwoods

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211



MULTI-PROJECTS

Five Rivers Landscape Management Project EIS

Waldport Ranger District

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest about 3230 acres of 25-35 year old managed stands, decommission about 49 miles of road, stabilize and close 77 miles of road, build and maintain a road to access private property, create and maintain 40 acres of meadows, add structures to 18 miles of stream, precommercially thin about 2366 acres, plant trees, create snags and down wood, and treat noxious weeds.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Begin 2002

Contact: Paul Thomas or Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211

Yachats Landscape Management Project

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R 10, 11, 12W; T15S, R 10, 11, 12W

Yachats Watershed

Plantation thinning: Commercial and precommercial thinning to maintain stand health and growth and enhance diversity. Thinning includes opening and re-closing classified and unclassified roads and building new temporary roads that will be waterbarred and closed after use.

Road management: Close and decommission some roads. Where road closures affect access to private land, private access will be maintained.

Stream enhancement: Place trees and root wads in some streams to increase stream complexity and spawning habitat. Plant conifer trees in some riparian areas.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 2002

Implementation: 2004

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211

WATERSHED ANALYSIS

Nineteen watershed analyses have been completed (about 90% of the Forest) including Nestucca Complex, North Fork of Siuslaw, Cummins/Tenmile (coastal stream watersheds between Cape Perpetua and Heceta Head), Yaquina/Big Elk, Mercer/Berry, Oregon Dunes NRA, Indian/Deadwood, Drift Creek-Siletz, Lobster/Five Rivers, Drift Creek (Alsea), Smith River, Yachats, Little Nestucca, Lower Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, Sand Lake, Salmon Neskowin, Coastal Lakes, and Lower Alsea. The analyses provide a better understanding of the aquatic and terrestrial environments within the watersheds and reveal some management implications for meeting objectives of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The following watershed analyses are being completed or conducted:

Beaver

Waldport Ranger District

Status: Start Spring 2002

Contact: Doris Tai, 541-563-3211

Lower Siletz Watershed Analysis

Hebo Ranger District

Modify existing analysis done by the Mid-Coast Watershed Council to highlight road, stream, riparian, and vegetative conditions on National Forest lands.

Status: Start January 2002

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161